IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANDREA EGGLESTON MAYO,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) CASE NO. 1:17-CV-334-WKW) [WO]
MAURICE ALFONSO)
EGGLESTON, DANA HORN)
EGGLESTON, JOHN CALVIN)
WHITE, AMY SHUMATE, J.)
MICHAEL CONWAY, DENISE)
B. CLEVELAND, LORI)
COLLIER INGRAM, and KALIA)
LANE,)
)
Defendants.)

<u>ORDER</u>

Before the court is the Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (Doc. # 6) to which Plaintiff Andrea Eggleston Mayo has filed objections (Doc. # 7). The court has conducted an independent and *de novo* review of those portions of the Recommendation to which objection is made. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).

In her objection, Ms. Mayo argues the merits of her case, claiming that she is entitled to relief. In so doing, she misses the thrust of the Recommendation: that her case is due to be remanded because 28 U.S.C. § 1441 only authorizes removal by state-court defendants. Because Ms. Mayo is designated as the plaintiff in the

underlying state-court action, the Magistrate Judge properly recommended that this case be remanded.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff Andrea Eggleston Mayo's objection (Doc. #7) is OVERRULED;
- 2. The Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge (Doc. # 6) is ADOPTED; and
- 3. This action is REMANDED to the Circuit Court of Houston County, Alabama, for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction.

A final judgment will be entered separately.

DONE this 24th day of July, 2017.

/s/ W. Keith Watkins
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE